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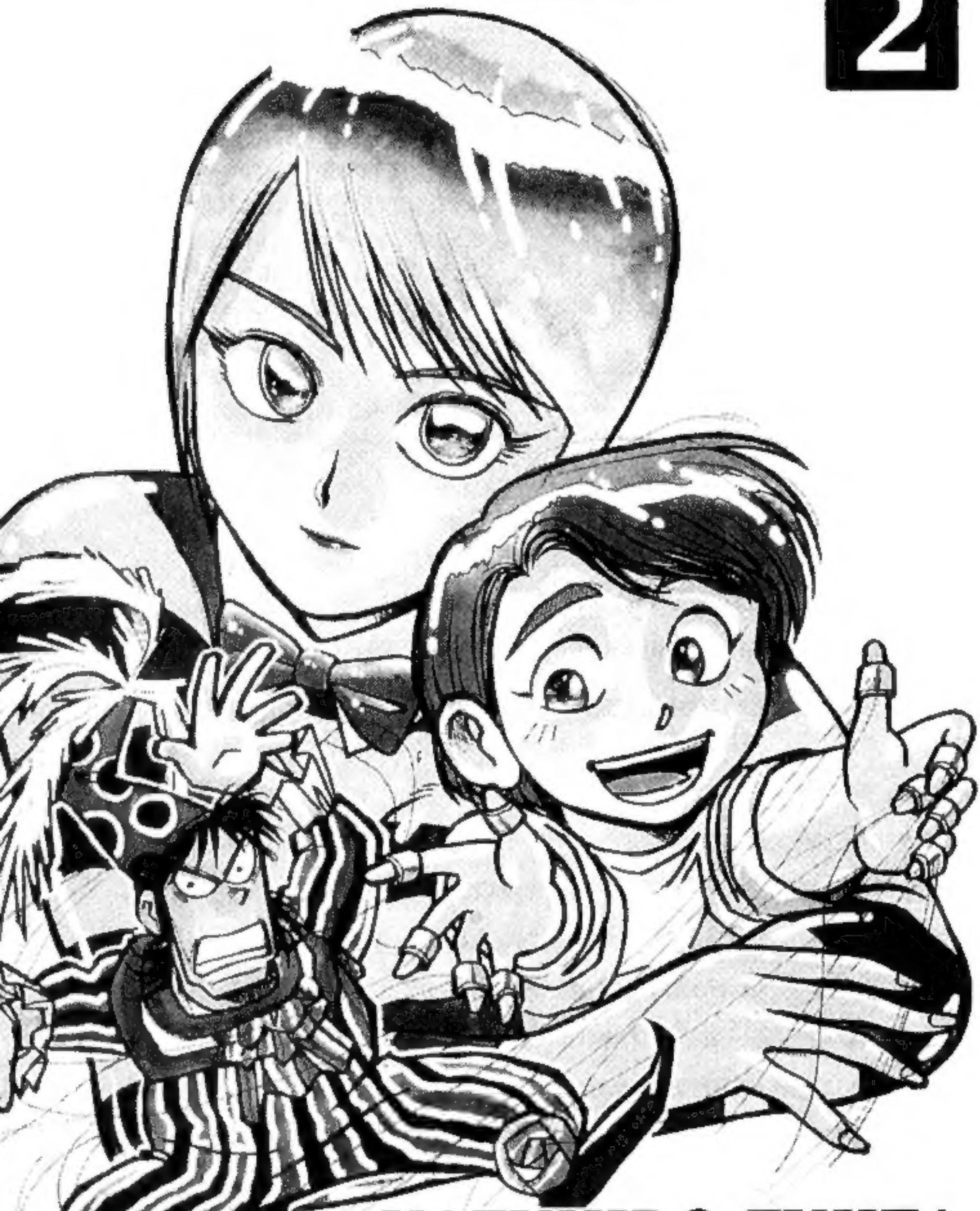

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Summary of Volume 1 :

If Narumi Kato, 18 years old, has one quality is his surprisingly strong body, along with an excellent handling of marital arts. One day, his doctor tells him that he's suffering from a very rare and dangerous disease. This disease could kill him by choking him if he doesn't make the people around him laugh. One day, he meets Masaru Saiga, the youngest son of the president of a huge corporation. Many people are after his life because he inherited his father's fortune after his death, but those people are not human, they're puppets with human bodies. After a battle, Masaru and Kato get to meat Shirogane who is the a puppet master trained since childhood to protect Masaru's life. Kato and Masaru don't trust her at first but they needed her especially after they failed to protect Masaru which was kidnapped by strange puppet masters... How will Kato and Shirogane react, can they save Masaru?

KARAKURI CIRCUS VOLUME 2

ACT 1: MASARU CHAPTER 9 "ON THE WAY TO THE SAIGA RESIDENCE"
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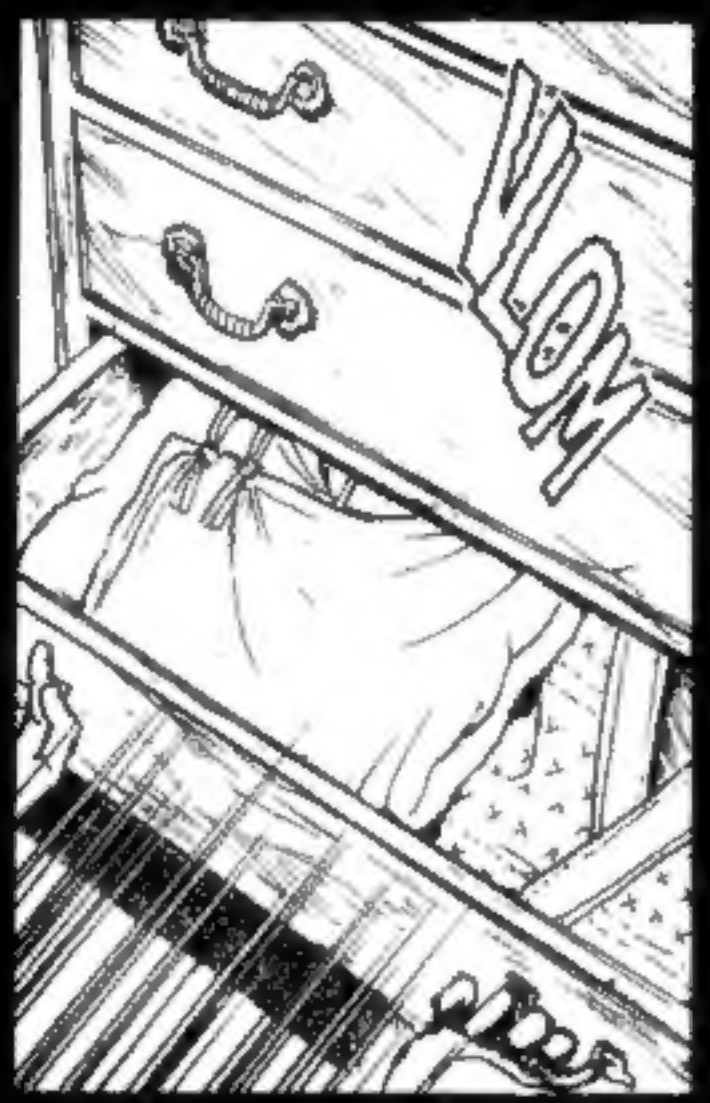

ACT 1: MASARU - CHAPTER 9 :
"ON THE WAY TO THE SAIGA RESIDENCE"

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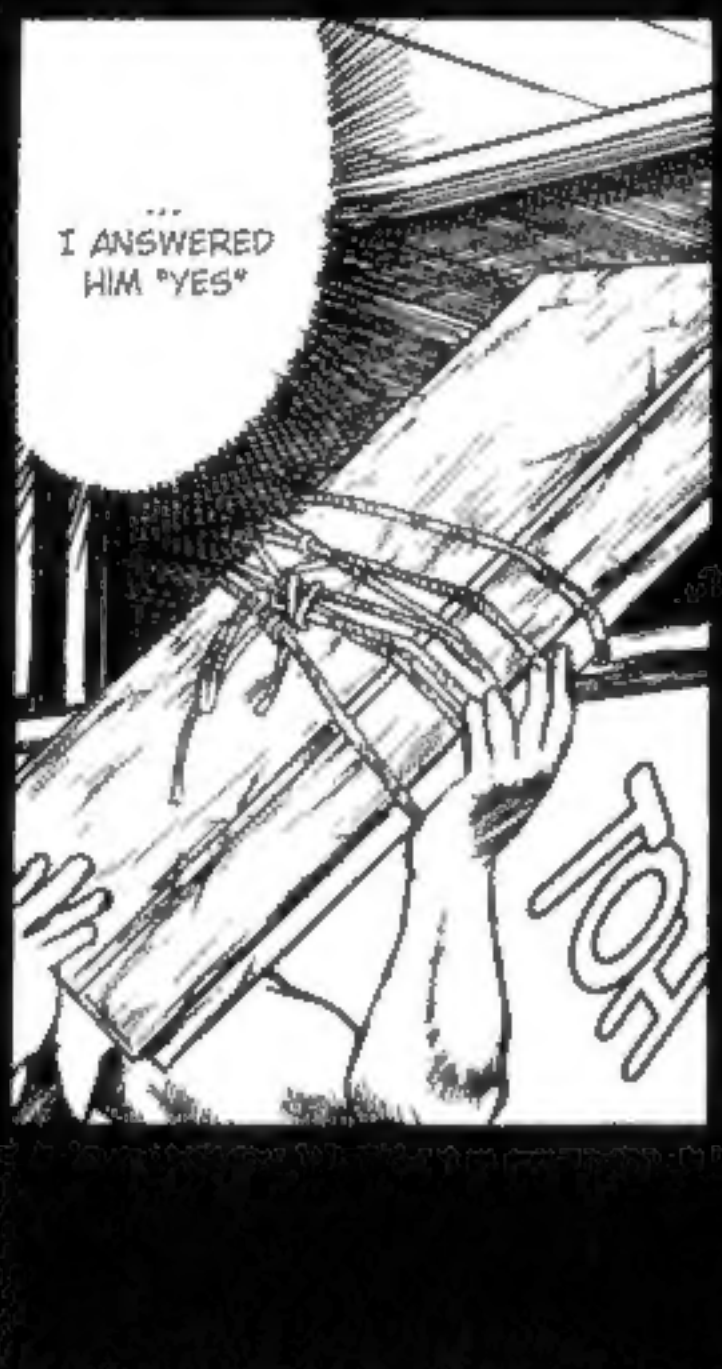

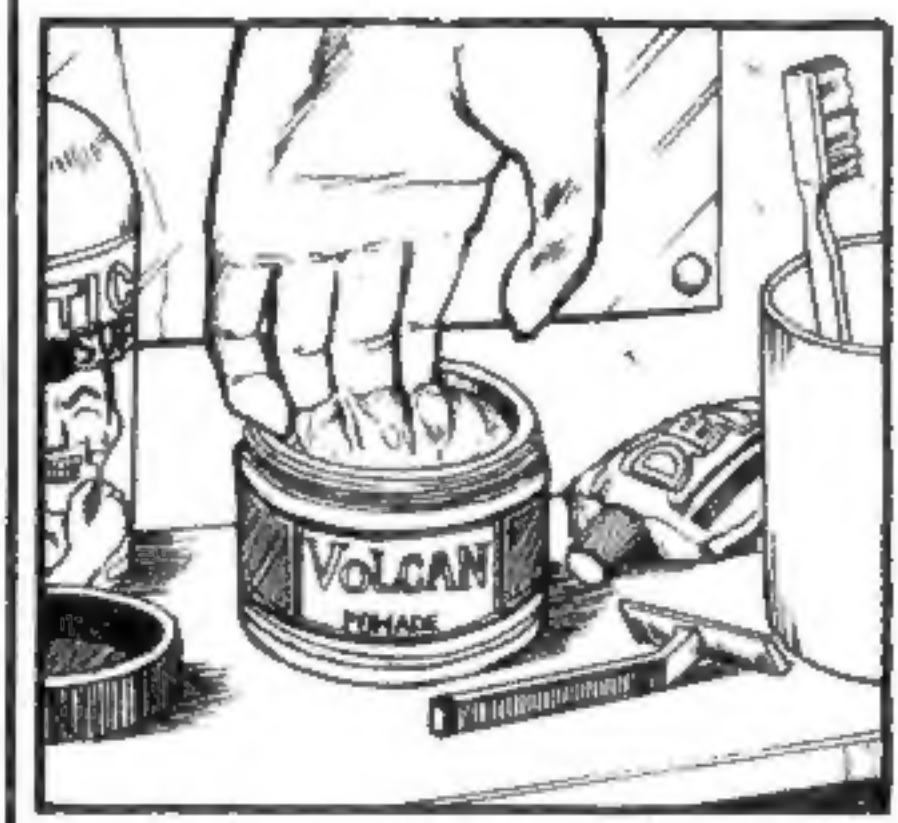
VOLCAN

DON'T WORRY, I'M COMING TO SAVE YOU!
MASARU ...

SHIROGANE, ARE YOU READY ?

...
YES
...

CLAC

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SAVE THE MASTER ?

WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK ?

WE MUST GO OURSELVES ... IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE MASARU.

I'M CERTAIN WE CAN'T TRUST ASHIHANA.

... AND TRUST ME, THE GUY IS BAD NEWS.

HIS UNCLE'S NAME IS ZENJI SAIGA

THE KID WAS TAKEN TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF SAIGA ENTERPRISES, IT'S AT KARUIZAWA

WHY DID YOU TELL US ALL THAT STUFF ?

EH, ASHIHANA ...

"THE ASSASSIN CLAN" HAS ITS PRIDE, WE CAN'T LET "THE ABDUCTORS" DO AS THEY WISH

WELL, GOTTA GO

IS IT A TRAP ?

MY ONLY GOAL IS TO SAVE MASARU !!

AND FOR NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S KEEPING ME FROM BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF YOU!

... I THINK YOU'RE PLOTTING SOMETHING.

KNOW WHAT ...

THINK WHATEVER YOU WANT

HE HE HE! ...

YOU OR US ...

... WHO WILL GET BACK MASARU FIRST ?

I LOVE COMPETITION ...

MAYBE YOU'VE DECIDED TO ACT ...

JUST AN INTUITION ...

YOU ...

WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING SO HARD FOR THE MASTER ?

HUH?

SFX

THAT WASN'T MY QUESTION ...

FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU STUCK IN IT TILL THE END, SOMETIMES AT THE RISK OF YOUR LIFE

SFX

NOT LONG AGO, YOU TWO WERE JUST STRANGERS ... WITH NO BOND

LOOK OUT DEAR! YOU'RE GOING TO FALL!

SFX

... WANTED TO PROTECT THEIR LIVES AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE ...

IN ALL COUNTRIES I'VE LIVED IN, EVERYONE I MET ...

THERE YOU GO! COME ON, GET UP.

AAAAHHH!

SPLAT

STAND UP ON YOUR OWN !

OUI!

NNN

BRAVO HONEY, YOU DID IT!

MOOOMYYY !!

BOUH HOUH

SNIF

SNIF

EVEN IF I TOLD YOU WHY I DO THIS ...

... I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD BELIEVE ME.

RMM

RRROOM

SO... WE GOING OR WHAT ?!

IRR-KOM

I STILL DON'T TRUST YOU ..

... BUT I NEED A DRIVER

TON

VROOM
HAH! JEEZ, WHO DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?!
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE . .

KARUIZAWA

SHH

IT WAS BUILD ON A LAND OF ABOUT 8 ACRES

IT'S ONE OF THE SECONDARY RESIDENCES OF THE SAIGA FAMILY ..

THERE ARE THREE MAIN BUILDINGS, ONE WITH A JAPANESE STYLE, THE SECOND WITH A CHINESE STYLE AND THE THIRD WITH A WESTERN STYLE .

THERE ARE ALSO DOGS THAT WATCH OVER THE GARDEN ..

ALL OF THEM ARE ARMED WITH GUNS OR SWORDS

60 TO 70 PEOPLE GUARD THE PLACE AT ALL TIMES

THEY ONLY HAVE ORDINARY GUARDS AND SIX PUPPETS .

BUT WE HAVE PUPPETS THAT ARE STRONGER THAN ALL OF THAT

WE CANNOT FAIL !

EACH MORE TALENTED THAN THE NEXT.

... BUT WE ARE PUPPET MASTERS !

WE HAVE FEW PEOPLE ON HAND ...

.. AND COMPLEX PROTECTION SYSTEMS ..

TRUE, THERE ARE MANY UNEXPECTED TRAPS ...

BUT I DID HEAR THAT THESE THREE BUILDINGS WERE CALLED "PALACES OF A THOUSAND TRAPS"

THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF SAIGA ENTERPRISES MADE ALL THE TRAPS ...

THEY'RE THERE TO KEEP US FROM GETTING IN

BUT DON'T WORRY ... I HAVE A PLAN !

WE JUST WAIT FOR THEM .

FHHHH

EH?

I THINK OTHERS WILL COME SOON ...

THEY'LL TRY TO GET IN ...

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EH... YES ..

BON APPETITE, MASTER ...

SAH

14

A HUGE PUPPET CAPTURED ME
..
...
THEN, IT WENT INTO A TRUCK AND I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ELSE

EXCUSE ME
.
I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND
...

...
...
...
AH! IT'S NORMAL
...
YOU'RE YOUNG AND YOU WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TERRIBLE THINGS

13

BAD PEOPLE ?

BUT IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET YOU OUT OF THE CLAWS OF ALL THOSE BAD PEOPLE, MASARU.

IT'S TRUE, WE TOUGHED YOU UP A BIT.

YES... THEY ALL WANTED YOUR MONEY !

BUT I KNOW THEM !

I KNOW WHAT ALL THOSE MEAN PEOPLE THINK OF YOU!

REALLY ?

THEY WOULD'VE ACTED LIKE YOUR FRIENDS, TELLING YOU BEAUTIFUL STORIES ..

AH AH AH! IT'S NORMAL THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME ... WE ONLY MET DURING YEAR-END PARTIES

... MY UNCLE ?

YOUR UNCLE ZENJI WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU, SO NOTHING BAD WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.

... I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF YOU AND ALL YOUR AFFAIRS ..

HE ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT WHEN HE DIES .

I'M YOUR FATHER'S YOUNGER BROTHER.

MY NAME IS ZENJI SAIGA

YEAH .. ALRIGHT ..

COME ON EAT AND REGAIN YOUR STRENGTH

SHIROGANE

NARUMI

I...
I'M AFRAID
.

CLING
CLING
CLING

BLING
BLING

WHERE ARE YOU GUYS ?

15

OF THIS MAN !

17

DO THEY PLAN TO DESTROY THOSE BARS ?

THERE ARE A HUGE NUMBER OF GUARDS READY TO KILL THEM THE MOMENT THEY SHOW UP ...

... GETTING INTO THE BUILDINGS

I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO KNOW HOW THOSE TWO WILL GO ABOUT .

VRROMM

?!

COME ON! SHOW ME HOW YOU WILL ENTER THIS FORTRESS !!

UNLESS THEY GO THROUGH THE SEWERS .

IF THAT'S THE CASE, I HOPE THEY WILL MAKE A LOT OF NOISE.

VROOM

BOSS! A MOTOR-CYCLE IS COMING !!

THAT WAY, WHEN THEY ATTRACT THE GUARDS' ATTENTION, WE COULD ENTER MORE DISCREETLY

THEY WON'T ACTUALLY TRY TO GO THROUGH BY FORCE ?!!

WHAT? ... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE !!

VRRAOUM

I'M GONNA DRAW ALL OUR ENEMIES MY WAY WHILE YOU SNEAK IN TO GET MASARU !!

NO, THINGS CAN'T GET ANY WORSE THAN THEY ALREADY ARE

WAIT NARUMI, IT'S TOO RISKY !

NARUMI, YOU KNOW THEY'RE READY TO KILL US !!

VRROOOOM

STRANGE
...
THE CLOSER WE GET TO THIS PLACE, THE BRAVER NARUMI BECOMES!

DON'T THEY SAY THAT "IN EXTREME SITUATIONS, THE SOLDIERS FEAR NOTHING"? THAT IS THE CASE RIGHT NOW

...
I'M READY TO DIE, THIS STATE OF MIND WILL ALLOW ME TO SURVIVE
...

VRRR ROOM

HEEY!

THIS IS A PRIVATE PROPERTY, WE SHOOT ON SITE!

HEY! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU PEOPLE ?

LET'S GO!

BUT... THIS IS SUICIDE.

BAM!

WE'RE GONNA KILL YOU, BASTARDS!

BAM!

BAM

BAM

WELL ... WHO'S NEXT ?